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Agricultural Lime Producers

SUBJECT: CHANGE IN AGRICULTURAL LIMING MATERIALS LABELING LAWS

Legislation was passed, Act 2021-321, in the 2021 session of the Alabama Legislature that now requires that all Agricultural Liming Materials labels <u>must</u> include the Relative Neutralizing Value (RNV) in addition to the other guarantees and information already prescribed by law. A copy of the statute is included for your review.

The calculation for finding the RNV of your product is:

RNV = CCE $x [(0.5 \times A) + (1 \times B)]$, where A is the percent of lime passing through a 10-mesh screen, but not a 60-mesh screen, and B is the percent of lime passing through a 60-mesh screen.

This act shall become effective on the first day of the third month following its passage and approval by the Governor.

This legislation was passed on April 22, 2021 by the Alabama Legislature and signed into law by the Governor on April 29, 2021.

Act 2021-321 will become effective on July 1, 2021.

Therefore, from the above date forward all Agricultural Liming Material sold in Alabama will be required to contain the RNV on its label along with the other guarantees and information as prescribed by law.

If you have any questions or concerns, please let me know by phone at 334-240-7184 or by email at scott.absher@agi.alabma.gov.

Sincerely,

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